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CURRENT POSITION

2021– Assistant Professor, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.

EDUCATION

2016–2021 Doctor of Philosophy, Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden.
2013–2015 Master of Social Science, Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden.
2010–2013 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Uppsala University, Sweden.
2012 Political Science, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015–2016 Research assistant, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University.
2015 Research assistant, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.
2015–2017 Co-founder and assistant editor-in-chief, *MänskligSäkerhet.se*.
2011–2015 Freelance journalist and consultant, Van Baalen Reporting.
2014 Research intern, Embassy of Sweden in South Africa.
2014 Visiting researcher, Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

PUBLICATIONS

These publications have 170 Google Scholar citations as of 2021-12-21.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Bara, Corinne, Annekatrin Deglow & **Sebastian van Baalen** (2021) Civil war recurrence and postwar violence: Towards an integrated research agenda. *European Journal of International Relations* 37(3): 913–935. DOI: [10.1177/13540661211006443](https://doi.org/10.1177/13540661211006443).

van Baalen, Sebastian (2021) Local elites, civil resistance, and the responsiveness of rebel governance in Côte d'Ivoire. *Journal of Peace Research* 58(5): 930–944. DOI: [10.1177/0022343320965675](https://doi.org/10.1177/0022343320965675).

van Baalen, Sebastian & Kristine Höglund (2019) “So, the killings continued”: Wartime mobilization and post-war violence in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. *Terrorism & Political Violence* 31(6): 1168–1186. DOI: [10.1080/09546553.2017.1218126](https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2017.1218126).

van Baalen, Sebastian (2018) “Google wants to know your location”: The ethical challenges of fieldwork in the digital age. *Research Ethics* 14(4): 1–17. DOI: [10.1177/1747016117750312](https://doi.org/10.1177/1747016117750312).

van Baalen, Sebastian & Malin Mobjörk (2018) Climate change and violent conflict in East Africa: Integrating qualitative and quantitative research to probe the mechanisms. *International Studies Review* 20(4): 547–575. DOI: [10.1093/isr/vixo43](https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/vixo43).

DISSERTATION

van Baalen, Sebastian (2020) *Guns and governance: Local elites and rebel governance in Côte d'Ivoire*. PhD dissertation. Uppsala: Uppsala University.

REPORTS

Bjarnesen, Jesper & **Sebastian van Baalen** (2021) *Democratic backsliding in Côte d'Ivoire: Legislative elections tighten Ouattara's grip on power*. NAI Policy Notes 2021:1. Uppsala: The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI).

Bjarnesen, Jesper & **Sebastian van Baalen** (2020) *Ouattara's third-term bid raises old fears: Risk of violence in Côte d'Ivoire's upcoming presidential elections*. NAI Policy Notes 2020:5. Uppsala: The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI).

Mobjörk, Malin, Maria-Therese Gustafsson, Hannes Sonnsjö, **Sebastian van Baalen**, Lisa Dellmuth & Niklas Bremberg (2016). *Climate-related security risks: Towards an integrated approach*. Report. Stockholm: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri).

van Baalen, Sebastian & Malin Mobjörk (2016) *Climate change and violent conflict in East Africa: Implications for policy*. Policy brief. Stockholm: Stockholm University, Swedish Institute for Foreign Affairs (UI) & Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri).

van Baalen, Sebastian & Malin Mobjörk (2016) *A coming anarchy? Pathways from climate change to violent conflict in East Africa*. Report. Stockholm: Stockholm University.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

van Baalen, Sebastian (2020) The responsiveness of rebel governance in Man, Côte d'Ivoire. *Program on Governance and Local Development Working Paper* 34.

van Baalen, Sebastian (2014) The microdynamics of conflict escalation: The case of ANC-IFP fighting in South Africa in 1990. *Pax et Bellum Journal* 1(1): 14–20.

WORK IN PROGRESS

van Baalen, Sebastian (working paper) Polls of fear? Electoral violence, incumbent strongholds, and voter turnout in Côte d'Ivoire.

van Baalen, Sebastian (invited book chapter) Civilian protest and competitive state-building in rebel-held Côte d'Ivoire.

van Baalen, Sebastian (working paper) Civilian protest in civil war: Insights from Côte d'Ivoire.

van Baalen, Sebastian (book project) Responsiveness in rebel regimes: How civilians shape rebel governance.

van Baalen, Sebastian & Niels Terpstra (submitted to special issue) Behind enemy lines: State-insurgent cooperation on rebel governance in Côte d'Ivoire and Sri Lanka.

van Baalen, Sebastian & Nguyen Ha (working paper) Political territorial control and conflict-related violence in postwar Abidjan.

OP-EDS AND BLOG POSTS

Elfenbenskusten: Risk för våld vid ifrågasatt val [Côte d'Ivoire: Risk of violence following contested election]. *Global Bar Magazine*, 28 October 2020 (with Jesper Bjarnesen).

The making of a dinosaur? Côte d'Ivoire's 2020 elections. *Democracy in Africa*. 22 October 2020 (with Jesper Bjarnesen).

Will Côte d'Ivoire's presidential election turn violent? *Political Violence @ a Glance*. 15 October 2020 (with Jesper Bjarnesen).

The nuts and bolts of a climate-conflict link in East Africa. *New Security Beat*. 19 March 2018 (with Malin Mobjörk).

Politisk maktkamp hotar freden i Elfenbenskusten [Political power struggle threatens Côte d'Ivoire's peace]. *Utrikesmagasinet*. 15 December 2017.

Jasaffären i Botswana strider mot Sveriges mål [The Jas-deal with Botswana violates Sweden's goals]. *Svenska Dagbladet*. 24 March 2017 (with Johan Brosché and Kristine Höglund).

Underskatta inte IS administrativa makt [Do not underestimate the Islamic State's administrative power]. *Mänsklig Säkerhet*. 25 October 2016.

Sydafrikas moraliska förfall [South Africa's moral decay]. *Mänsklig Säkerhet*. 2 November 2015.

Fredsarbete måste se till relationen mellan det lokala och nationella [Peacebuilding must consider the relationship between the local and national]. *Mänsklig Säkerhet*. 16 June 2015.

DATA PROJECTS

- 2021 *Electoral Violence in Côte d'Ivoire Dataset*. A geo-referenced event dataset on various forms of electoral violence in Côte d'Ivoire (2020–2021). The dataset contains information on 320 electoral violence incidents intended to influence the process or outcome of the 2020 presidential election or the 2021 legislative election.
- 2020 *Wartime Civilian Protest in Côte d'Ivoire Dataset*. A geo-referenced event dataset on conflict-related nonviolent civilian protest in Côte d'Ivoire (2002–2009). The dataset contains information on more than 284 events in which civilians made demands on armed actors, including demonstrations, strikes, sit-ins, and protest marches.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2021 Swedish Research Council. *Crossing the Rubicon: The dynamics of restraint in civil war*. Co-applicant. 4.5 million SEK. Written together with project leader Johan Brosché and co-applicant Corinne Bara.

- 2020 Swedish Research Council. *Alliances of anarchy: Actor constellations and patterns of electoral violence*. Co-applicant. 5.2 million SEK. Written together with project leader Kristine Höglund and co-applicant Espen Geelmuyden Rød.
- 2019 The Program on Governance and Local Development at Gothenburg University. *Guns and governance: Local elites and rebel governance in Côte d'Ivoire*. Main applicant. 33,000 SEK.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2017–2019 Anna-Maria Lundin Travel Grant. Smålands Nation, Uppsala University, for field research in Côte d'Ivoire. Eight separate scholarships totalling 278,904 SEK.
- 2017 Forskraft Foundation, Theodor Adelswårds minne, for field research in Côte d'Ivoire. 80,000 SEK.
- 2015 Bielke's Scholarship. Faculty of Social Sciences, Uppsala University, for "outstanding academic achievements in political science." Awarded both in 2014 and 2015.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Cedric Smith Prize. Awarded by the Conflict Research Society for the best article in peace and conflict research by a PhD student.
- 2019 Boulding Award, runner-up. Awarded by the International Studies Association (ISA) for the best graduate paper in Peace Studies presented at the ISA convention in Toronto, Canada.
- 2015 Mats Hammarström Award. Awarded by the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, for the best MA thesis.

FIELD RESEARCH

- 2017–2020 Côte d'Ivoire. Conducted more than 90 semi-structured interviews and extensive archival research over the course of eight months of field research.
- 2014 South Africa. Conducted more than 30 semi-structured interviews and archival research over the course of three months of field research.

TEACHING & SUPERVISION

- 2016– Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. 1,105 teaching hours. Supervised 4 MA theses and 7 BA theses. Course convener: Security Scenario Analysis (BA level), Peace and Conflict Studies (2019/2020, 2018/2019), Causes of War (MA level), Peace and Conflict Studies (2021).

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

- 2019 Academic Teacher Training Course, Uppsala University (7.5 ETCS).
- 2015 Interactive Lecturing Techniques for Sustainable Development, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

PUBLIC OUTREACH & CONSULTING

- 2021 Invited panelist. Uppsala Association of International Affairs. 10 December.
- 2021 Expert reviewer. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri) Insight series.
- 2021 Invited speaker. Tekniska muséet's exhibition Hyper Human. 5 November.
- 2021 Invited expert. The Nordic Africa Institute's ambassador briefing on West Africa. 7 October.
- 2021 Invited speaker. University of Bologna's Online Roundtable on Digital Security and Data Protection. 12 May.
- 2021 Invited speaker. Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l'Ecole Militaire (IRSEM), Paris. 28 April.
- 2020 Invited speaker. Folke Bernadotte Academy's discussion on digital security. 20 November.
- 2020 Invited expert. The Nordic Africa Institute's policy dialogue on the 2020 Ivorian presidential elections. 22 October.
- 2019 Invited speaker. The Glassroom Experience's public lectures on the ethical challenges of fieldwork in the digital age. 28 January.
- 2017 Invited speaker. Lecture on global trends in armed conflict, 1989–2017. Centre de Recherche et d'Action pour la Paix (CERAP) in Abidjan. 10 November.
- 2016 Consultant. Swedish Church Aid. Produced the report *Gränslös: Svenska kyrkans internationella arbete med migrations- och flyktingfrågor [Borderless: Swedish Church Aid's international engagements with migration refugee issues]* (with Erik Schrammel).

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

DEPARTMENTAL DUTIES

- 2021– Ethics Committee for Student Work, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.
- 2017–2018 Equality officer, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.
- 2016–2017 PhD representative, Equality Committee, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.

REFEREE ASSIGNMENTS (2019–)

Contributed 7 reviews for 4 different journals, including: *Journal of Peace Research*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management & Peace Science*, *Third World Quarterly*, and *The Nordic Journal of African Studies* [[Publons profile](#)].

OTHER DUTIES

- 2019–2021 Country expert coder on Côte d'Ivoire for the Violence Early-Warning System (ViEWS) project at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.

MEMBERSHIPS

Conflict Research Society (CRS), International Studies Association (ISA), Rebel Governance Network (RGN).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Amsterdam University Workshop on Elections and Violence. Virtual, 25–27 October.
 2021 Conflict Research Society (CRS) Annual Conference. Virtual, 8–10 September.
 2021 Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS) Book Workshop. Virtual, 29 April.
 2021 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention. Virtual, 5–9 April.
 2019 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention. Toronto, Canada, 27–30 March.
 2019 Conflict Research Society (CRS) Annual Conference. Brighton, UK, 8–10 September.
 2018 Development Research Conference (DevRes). Gothenburg, Sweden, 22–23 August.
 2018 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention. San Francisco, USA, 4–7 April.
 2016 German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) International Workshop. Pretoria, South Africa, 28–29 July.

SOFTWARE SKILLS

In addition to the standard software: Stata, R, LaTeX, Quantum GIS, ATLAS.ti.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native	Swedish, Dutch
Fluent	English
Basic	French

OTHER SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

Security Training for Journalists in Disaster and Conflict Areas (December 2015) Fojo Media Institute, Kalmar, Sweden.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 2016 Leave of absence, 2 months, 20% (1 April–31 May 2016).

REFERENCES

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